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RENEWED REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR 1.312 FOR RETURN OF EXAMINER'S INITIALED FORM PTO 1449 IN REPLY TO RESPONSE TO RULE 312 COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents BOX ISSUE FEE P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22314-1450

Sir:

The instant paper is filed in reply to the Response to Rule 312 Communication, mailed September 21, 2004, denying Applicants' request for consideration of the references provided with the information disclosure statement (IDS) filed January 22, 2002. The request filed January 22, 2002, is repeated and incorporated herein by reference (a complete copy of the IDS, including the cited references, is attached hereto for the convenience of the PTO).

The Response to Rule 312 Communication refused to consider the IDS for alleged lack of evidence. Accordingly, attached hereto is a printout of Applicants' attorneys' computerized docket record on the subject application. The attached printout records filing of the subject IDS on January 22, 2002 (the recorded filing is highlighted on the attached print out, for convenience of the PTO).

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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